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TO-NIGHT THE TIME

STATE ORATORICAL CONTEST

Everything Ripe for a Gay Time
—The Association in Litigation—The Program.

To-night the state intercollegiate oratorical association holds its annual contest at the new Funke opera house. Wesleyan and Cotner universities, Doane college, and the "Uni" are each represented by an orator. Delegations from the neighboring colleges are coming en masse, each championing the cause of its representative orator with the greatest enthusiasm. Doane college sends a delegation zealously displaying the college colors of old gold, and judging from her songs and college yells she is up to date in college spirit. THE NEBRASKAN has repeatedly urged that the students of the "Uni" get together and adopt a few yells and college songs suitable for the occasion, it for no other purpose than to manifest the interest we all certainly feel in having our orator win the victory.

The program is as follows:
"But One Vienna".....Schrammel
University of Nebraska Banjo Club
Invocation.....
Oration.....America's Literary Genius
E. B. Sherman, Uni. of Nebr.
"Gipsie Life".....Schumann
Wesleyan Euterpean Quartet
Oration.....The Law Supreme
Ira W. Kenagy, Doane College
Cantata "La Noche" (air varié)
Arban
J. A. Dungan
.....A Problem of the Ages
R. Kent Beattie, Cotner Uni.
.....Doane College Glee Club
.....The Spirit of Brotherhood
F. H. Essert, Wesleyan Uni.
Music.....Doane College Glee Club
Decision of Judges

The judges on manuscript are: Senator John M. Thurston, Omaha; President Finley, Knox College, Galesburg, Ill.; Rev. E. H. Curtis, Lincoln; on delivery: W. M. Clary, Nebraska City; G. W. Wattles, Omaha; L. L. H. Austin, Lincoln.

ASSOCIATION IN TROUBLE.

The state oratorical association, under whose auspices the contest will be held, is not in a very flattering condition financially. The association was brought into a suit of litigation for money due the orator of '93 for his expenses incurred in attending the interstate contest of the same year, and judgment was rendered in Justice Spencer's court in favor of the plaintiff for \$41 and costs, May 9, 1894.

The association having thus far neglected to pay the debt, the plaintiffs of the case have issued a garnishment on the door receipts of the contest to be held this evening at the Funke. The writ of garnishment is issued against Frank Zehring, manager of the Funke, and R. Kent Beattie, Fred Leavitt, Bert Forbes, and Jas. E. Carter, executive board of the association.

It is to be hoped that this matter may be amicably arranged so that the winning orator of this year will not be hampered for want of funds to defray his expenses to the interstate contest.

Anent the litigation into which the State Oratorical Association has been brought, T. E. Wing, counsel for the defendant, in the case, thinks he is in a good position in the step he has taken. He won the laurels for '93, and is considered as Nebraska's repre-

sentative to orate in the interstate contest. The depleted condition of the treasury made it necessary for Mr. Wing to stand his own expenses, with the promise of being paid at a later date. He claims that last year, when there was something like \$200 on hand that he presented his claim, which was acknowledged a just one, but Secretary Maxwell informed him that '93's debts could not be settled out of the fund which the season of '94 left in the treasurer's hands. As this looked like a shabby way of treating a debtor, suit was brought and a judgment of \$41 granted the plaintiff.

Battalion Notes.

The quartermaster's office is still vacant.

Mr. Cutter's name was omitted from the list of the 'Varsity Rifles' corporals last week.

The first recitation in the new book on art and science of war was held Wednesday.

Extended order drill begins this week. There will be several sham battles fought around town before the end of the year.

The 'Varsity Rifles' expect to give a military hop soon. The committee consists of Canfield, Haggard, Sedgwick, Pulis and Barber.

Company "B" felt down-hearted last Monday night when eighteen men were reported at inspection and Jack Barnes was transferred to Company "C."

The artillery detachment will not drill very much longer, so most of the preparation for competitive drills will have to be done out of drill hours.

The class in military engineering will have a chance to put their theories into practice at camp this spring. Building bridges and fortifications and digging mines will take up part of the time.

The Lincoln Light Infantry has accepted a challenge from the 'Varsity Rifles for a competitive drill, to take place on the campus within five weeks. There will be army officers for judges, probably. The Lincoln Light Infantry puts up a very pretty drill, but there are doubts about some of their interpretations of tactics. After this drill there will be an individual drill, both companies furnishing four men.

The Literary Magazine.

THE NEBRASKAN is now in a position to state definitely that the above named publication is assured and will come from the press about May 1st. The managing board, during its weekly meetings, have received considerable encouragement and feel that the magazine will be a success in the line of work undertaken.

It will not be a local paper in any way, but will make an attempt to be a western magazine. No enmity exists, nor will exist, between it and THE NEBRASKAN or Hesperian, because the magazine will cover different territory and have different aims.

Already the business manager is assured that the east will be glad to read a western publication; for a communication was received a day or two ago from Harvard requesting six copies for the Harvard library.

With Professor Adams as editor in chief and Professor Bates at the head of the department of poetry we may feel assured that the tone of the magazine will be of the highest character.

COMMITTEE'S WORK

THE PROPOSED CONSTITUTION

Which is to be Brought Before the Athletic Association—Meeting Called for Thursday.

As every one knows the committee appointed some time ago to revise the constitution was to report the same as soon as possible. The following is the proposed new constitution for the Athletic association, submitted by the committee:

ARTICLE I.

SECTION 1. The name of this organization shall be the Athletic association of the University of Nebraska.

ARTICLE II.

SECTION 1. Membership shall include all regularly matriculated male members of all departments of the university who shall have paid an annual fee of \$1.

SEC. 2. Privileges of membership shall continue from the time of payment of dues to the close of the college year.

ARTICLE III.

SECTION 1. The officers of this association shall be a president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, and custodian.

SEC. 2. The president shall be chairman of the board of directors. He shall have power to call meetings of the association or of the board of directors.

SEC. 3. The treasurer shall have charge of the moneys of this association, except as hereinafter provided for, and he shall make a semi-annual report to the association at the first meeting in each semester and shall render a special report to the board of directors as often as they shall require it.

SEC. 4. The managers of the teams shall be the custodians for their respective teams and shall make a report as such of the things under their charge in their reports as managers to the board of directors. The managers shall have power to raise money for the use of their respective teams and shall have charge of the same until the end of their respective seasons, when they will turn over the funds in their possession to the treasurer, together with a statement of moneys received and expended by them. Such statement shall be submitted to the board of directors.

ARTICLE IV.

SECTION 1. There shall be an advisory board or committee consisting of eight members: three from the faculty, three from the alumni, and two from the student body, who shall be chosen by the board of directors at their first regular meeting.

SEC. 2. The advisory committee shall be consulted in regard to all matters of importance which pertain to the athletic welfare of the university, and shall have the power to negative any action whatsoever of the association or of the board of directors by a $\frac{3}{8}$ (seven-eighths) vote, with the exception of changes or alterations in this constitution, which is hereinafter provided for.

ARTICLE V.

SEC. 1. The board of directors shall consist of five members, of which four are to be elected by this association, the president of this association being the fifth member and chairman of the board.

SEC. 2. The board of directors shall have general supervision and control of all athletic affairs of this association, except such powers as are expressly delegated to others by this constitution.

SEC. 3. The board of directors, together with the managers and captains of the respective teams, shall have power to secure coaches and trainers for the respective teams.

SEC. 4. The board of directors shall elect, at its first meeting in January, a football manager, who shall have power to arrange games and shall have general management of the football team.

SEC. 5. At its first meeting in October it shall elect a baseball manager, who shall have power to arrange games, and shall have general management of the baseball team.

Managers shall hold office until their successors are elected.

SEC. 6. The board of directors shall elect, at the same time and in the same manner as they elect managers, assistant managers for each team. The assistant managers shall be under the general direction of their respective supervisors.

SEC. 7. The board of directors shall elect, at the same time and in the same manner, captains for second teams of the associations; likewise managers for the same.

ARTICLE VI.

SECTION 1. A standing committee of three on field sports shall be chosen by the board of directors at their first meeting. The chairman of this committee shall be director of sports.

ARTICLE VII.

SECTION 1. All elections shall be by roll call.

SEC. 2. The officers of this association shall be elected on the second Saturday of the fall term.

SEC. 3. There shall be no voting by proxy except in the election of captains of the teams, when proxies will be allowed.

ARTICLE VIII.

SECTION 1. The regular meetings of this association shall be held on the second Saturday of each term of the college year.

SEC. 2. The president shall have power to call special meetings of this association at any time in the college year, and it shall be his duty to do so upon the written request of ten members of this association.

SEC. 3. One fifth (1-5) of the whole membership of this association shall constitute a quorum.

SEC. 4. Notices of all meetings shall be posted on the bulletin board at least forty-eight hours prior to the time set for such meeting.

ARTICLE IX.

SECTION 1. The members of the baseball and football teams shall be chosen by the captains of their respective teams.

SEC. 2. The captains of the respective teams shall be chosen by the members of the respective teams and shall have absolute control over said team while on the field.

SEC. 3. All members who have played in any match game of the same season shall be entitled to vote for captain.

SEC. 4. The captains of the teams shall have power to call meetings of the team to elect the next captain and it shall be his duty to do so upon the written request of the members of the team. Notices of all such meetings shall be posted on the bulletin board at

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THE DRAMATIC CLUB

PROSPECTS ARE BRIGHTENING

Indications That the House Will be Crowded—Members Working Hard.

There is probably nothing in the minds of the college people that is occupying as much attention as the coming out of the U. of N. Dramatic club at the Funke. The fact that the sixteen members of the club are out selling their tickets with a rush, that there are at least ten theatre parties that are fighting for the best seats, and last, but not least, that there will be box parties that will eclipse those at the Glee club concert last year, is certainly enough to arouse the enthusiasm of all the students here. The Chancellor has taken a great deal of interest in the club and has shown them every sort of kindness, and the anxiety of the friends of the club is only equalled by the members themselves.

From the first organization of a dramatic club in the Uni., three years ago, it has been one of the most popular clubs in the college and this year, under the able directorship of Mrs. Manning, the club has broadened and improved until a public performance was the only thing that would satisfy its friends.

Last month as everyone knows, the club had a very successful performance at Ashland. They played to a large audience and the in the Ashland tremendously flattering.

The plays to be produced here are Open Gate and Chums. As everyone is familiar with the plays, no explanation is necessary. Open Gate is one of the prettiest little dramas that have ever been staged, and Chums, as played by the Harvard Dramatic club, was one of the most successful college farces which that club ever brought out. Five hundred special invitations have been sent out by the club and they are sure of a large house. During the entertainment some fine music will be introduced. The nature of this will be announced in our next issue. It is not necessary to urge the students to buy tickets. Any one who has the interest of the college at heart will give this club all the support in his power.

The Botanical Laboratory.

One of the students on being interviewed as to the condition of the botanical laboratory, the number of students taking work, etc., said:

"There are eighty-two students who have work in the laboratory. There are only thirty-five microscopes. Certain hours are assigned for work to each student.

There is hardly a moment in the day from eight o'clock in the morning until six at night, when some one is not there, and usually there are quite a number.

There are practically no rules for conduct in the laboratory. Each one is expected to attend strictly to his own business.

The freshman class is now working on mildews, blights, and rusts. These are studied mostly from alcoholic specimens.

One of the assistants has just been working on some plants from Colorado.

Altogether the laboratory is a very busy place."